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The Honorable Luis Alejo
California State Assembly
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: **AB 1220 (Alejo)** – As amended on April 25, 2011 – **OPPOSE**

Dear Assemblymember Alejo:

The County of San Bernardino has reviewed AB 1220 and regrets it must oppose this bill. This legislation would expand the statute of limitations to sue a city or county, challenging the adoption of a housing element from one year to five years.

AB 1220 would encourage a broad array of expensive lawsuits that do not differentiate between major noncompliance with state law or a small difference in interpretation. This will leave local agencies, businesses, and developers unfairly open to uncertainty long after decisions have been made. The law has to be balanced – for local agencies, housing and commercial developers and advocates. This bill, under existing circumstances, is not a balanced approach.

For these reasons, the County of San Bernardino opposes AB 1220. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Josh Candelaria, Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs, at (909) 387-4280. The County thanks you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

JOSIE GONZALES
Chair, Board of Supervisors